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**PRESIDENT OF EDISON COMPANY ANNOUNCES DEVELOPMENT PLAN**



JOHN B. MILLER

President John B. Miller of the Southern California Edison company, in addressing the annual meeting of stockholders today, announced that the project of the company has been greatly increased. Mr. Miller said that from the waterpower electrical development on the company's Big creek-San Joaquin river project, with additional steam reserve, the Edison generating capacity will be increased by 2,250,000 horsepower. Its present capacity is 500,000 horsepower of water and steam generated electricity. Among the achievements of the company contained in the annual report which Mr. Miller presented to the stockholders are the following:

During the year 17,529 stockholders were added, bringing the total number up to 65,636.  
One hundred and thirty thousand horsepower of electric energy has been developed from the Big creek-San Joaquin river project during the year. Auxiliary steam power necessary to render the equilibrium between water and steam generation, amounting to 182,000 horsepower, will be added during the present year.

Mr. Miller stated that new business amounting to 219,046 horsepower has been contracted for during the year, which will absorb the capacity of new plants constructed last year. Fifty-four thousand four hundred new consumers were added during the year,

making a total of 248,000 consumers served direct from the company's lines, and 150,000 more through energy sold wholesale to municipalities for resale.

Concerning rates for electric service, the annual report sets forth that on November 15, 1923, a further reduction in rates was authorized by the railroad commission, making the present rates lower than the rates prevailing prior to the war, a condition made possible by the expansion of the company's business and the efficiency and economy resulting from the gradual consummation of its great program of hydro-electric development.

The present year's budget appropriation for construction of waterpower and steam generation properties and for transmission and distribution will amount to \$26,288,000. The company expects to finance this by the sale of preferred stock amounting to \$8,000,000, which will enable it to sell bonds amounting to approximately \$18,000,000.

The chief construction activities of the company this year are adding extensively to its steam power auxiliary and forcing to rapid completion the great Florence lake tunnel in the high Sierras by about February, 1925, which will provide an additional water supply sufficient to generate 600,000 horsepower of new electric power.

of the lot, and if I tried to walk him he'd reach about eleven feet with that bat of his and pickle one."

One youngster looked over by the New York Yankee bosses this spring is Bernie Thompson. He's a right-handed pitcher from McCall, S. C. He is still a kid, however. Won't enter college until next fall, and consequently would not be available for big league duty—if he develops—until about 1928. But the Yank scouts found three or four big league sleuths looking him over and therefore wanted to get a line on him early.

**KANSAS PICNIC**  
All who ever lived in Kansas are called to meet for a great picnic reunion all day Saturday, March 29, in Sycamore Grove park, Los Angeles.

**SPOTLIGHTS ON SPORT**

by JACK KEENE

**LOUIS GUISTO**, once destined to become a star first sacker in the big show and thwarted by the war and the gassing he got in it, is a popular and brilliant athlete on the Pacific coast, where the climate isn't so rough on his lungs. Guisto has just been named field captain of the Oakland Pacific Coast league ball club, succeeding Ray Burbaker, short-stop.

Burbaker found the duties of the captaincy affecting his playing. Guisto has the calm temperament that is a necessary attribute for a field general.

Walter Johnson, veteran of the American league pitchers, has failed so far to find a desirable buy in the minors, and hence will wear a Washington uniform at least another season. Johnson has been angling for at least a controlling interest in a minor league club, intending to devote his time to the task of running such an outfit.

The Big Swede could pitch half a dozen more years in the minors after leaving the Nats if he cared to, but feels that he wants to step off the diamond for good when he turns in his Washington uniform. Owner Clark Griffith and the thousands of friends Johnson numbers among the fan flock wish him success when he steps into the magnating game, but they will regret his passing from the diamond.

Another step down for the mighty Indian athlete, Jim Thorpe. The man who once stood at the top of the athletic world—who stood unchallenged as the greatest of athletes, will play semi-pro baseball this season with a team in Lawrence, Mass., holding down center field.

Thorpe, fresh from his conquests in track and field athletics years ago, was given a chance by John McGraw to shine in baseball. Thorpe could not learn to hit curve pitching, however, and then found the rigors of keeping in condition constantly were too great. He preferred football to baseball, anyhow. He played in the minors for a time and then drifted out. Thorpe's greatest enemy during his career has been his own generous, half-fellow spirit.

The presence of Rube Benton with the Cincinnati Reds and Larry B. Benton with the Boston Braves causes a bit of confusion among the fan flock now and then. Naturally Larry is called "Rube" also. Every pitcher named Benton will carry the handle, of course.

Larry is a youngster and shows promise. Mention of his name recalls a remark of his, made when Eddie Roush signed his three-year contract with the Redlegs a few weeks ago.

"Eddie Roush's bat doesn't bother me nearly as much as Pat Duncan's does when I face the Cincinnati crowd," said Larry. "Roush is a tough man to pitch to, but Duncan simply ruins the day for me. He must have hit about 750 off me last year. And some of his hits wrecked ball games. If I tried to fool him he laid 'em out



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